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PRESIDENT: Ladies and gentlemer, welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. We have with us this morning, as our chaplain of the day, Reverend James Cooke of the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Lincoln. Would you please rise for the invocation.

REVEREND COOKE: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Reverend Cooke. Roll call, please.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any corrections to the Journal this morning?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Do you have any messages, reports or announcement?

CLERK: Two items. Senator Weihing would like to announce that LB 54 has been selected as his priority bill. And, Mr. President, LR 42 is ready for your signature. That is all that I have.

PRESIDENT: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 42. May I introduce some guests, please, in the north balcony this morning. Senator Crosby has 46 students in grades 9 through 12 at the College View Academy in Lincoln and their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting us this morning. Moving on to the resolution, LR 44.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 44 is offered by Senator Kristensen. It's found on page 997 in the Journal. It asks the members of the Legislature to extend their congratulations to the Lawrence High School basketball team for winning the Class D-2 state basketball title.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kristensen, please.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to offer this resolution and hearty congratulations to the Lawrence Lady Panthers who finished their season 22 and 2 and are the